

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A neon lighting system for an illuminated vending machine or the like comprising a neon tube having projecting conducting leads from each of its ends; conductive end caps sealingly affixed to said tube ends in contact with said leads and forming plug ends for said tube; power supply conductor wires having boot ends containing receptacles connected to said wires; and said receptacles being adapted to snap on to and off from the tube plug end caps for quick placement and replacement of the neon tube.
2. A neon lighting system as claimed in claim 1 wherein said power supply boot ends are made of flexible and heat resistant material.
3. A neon lighting system as claimed in claim 2 wherein said boot ends include integrally formed holding means for supporting the connected neon tube.
4. A neon lighting system as claimed in claim 3 wherein bracket means are provided in the vending machine and said brackets are adapted to removably receive the holding means on said boot ends.
5. A neon lighting system is claimed in claim 4 wherein said brackets are spaced apart to receive respective ends of the wire boot connected neon tube.
6. A method of illuminating a vending machine or the like with neon tubular lamps comprising; forming neon tubular lamps with conductive plug means sealingly affixed to the ends of the lamp tube; providing booted end receptacles for power supply wires adapted to snap onto and off from the end plug means on the neon tubular lamp; and providing holding means within the machine structure adapted to removably receive the booted neon tubular lamp for retaining it in position for illumination and quick removal for changing and replacement to the neon tubular lamp.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein the step of retaining the booted ends of the power supply wires includes forming retaining means on the boots adapted to be removably received by the brackets affixed to the machine.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the brackets are spaced apart and slidingly receive the holding means formed on the boot ends of the power supply wires.

9. The method of claim 7 wherein the brackets slidably receive the boot retaining means.

10. The method of claim 6 wherein the snap on and off connection between the end plugs and boot receptacles employs a tongue and groove.